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SUBJECT: INQUIRY RE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO U.S. CHARGE
IN ABU DHABI

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI, ON OCCASION OF DISCUSSION
OTHER SUBJECTS, RAISED WITH ME REPORT HE HAS HAD WHICH
ATTRIBUTES TO US CHARGE IN ABU DHABI THE FOLLOWING TWO
STATEMENTS:

(1) THAT THE CHARGE HAS EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS ABOUT THE
AMOUNT OF MONEY SHEIKH ZAYYID IS GIVING TO THE SHEIKH
OF RAS AL-KHAIMEH IN THE HOPE THAT IT WILL KEEP HIM QUIET; AND

(2) THAT THE CHARGE FORESEES A DESIRABLE DEVELOPMENT
IN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SHEIKH OF DUBAI MAY SOON REPLACE
SHAIKH ZAYYID AS HEAD OF THE UAE.

2. KHALATBARI UNDERLINED THAT THESE WERE STATEMENTS WHICH
WERE QTE ATTRIBUTED UNQTE TO THE
CHARGE AND THAT HE WAS INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER THERE
WAS ANY TRUTH IN THEM.

3. WHILE ASKING THESE QUESTIONS, KHALATBARI HAD IN FRONT
OF HIM WHAT LOOKED TO ME LIKE AN OFFICIAL TELEGRAM FROM ONE
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OF HIS POSTS. HE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CLARIFYING THESE

POINTS TO THE EXTENT YOU FEEL DESIRABLE.
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